



VSCP: Orientation, Part B Course Objectives



The purpose of this Orientation is to expand your understanding of the information gained from your review of the CD-Rom that was mailed to you. This will allow you to accelerate your ability to associate the specific duties of your position with the mission and goals of APHIS. VS Orientation, Part B, will amplify the knowledge gained through Orientation, Part A, the CD-ROM, and enable you to:

1. Discuss the mission and strategic goals of APHIS, with specific attention to those of VS, and consider their relevance to you.
2. Describe the concept and process of strategic planning in APHIS, VS, and how it serves as a basis for measuring performance and planning budgets.
3. Receive an overview on the Human resources Services and Benefits.
4. Explain the roles of, and interactions among, Field, Headquarters, the States and Industry in the day-to-day work of APHIS.
5. Determine the appropriate action(s) to take when confronted by a request from the media.
6. Define, describe, consider, and discuss the following topics and explain their relevance to you:
 - A. Trade
 - B. Monitoring and Surveillance
 - C. Risk Analysis
 - D. Exclusion and Prevention
 - E. Emergency Management
7. Establish and maintain a resource network which will help and support your performance and your development.
8. Describe how the interpersonal skills training will impact your daily job performance.
9. Establish a learning contract/agreement to augment the core portion of VSCP which addresses your current and future training and development needs.
10. Familiarize yourself with the locations of the Headquarters facilities of APHIS and of USDA.
11. Be apprised of APHIS Emergency Response updates & briefs.